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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT: SCHEDULE OF CCD MEETINGS IN 1974

1. WE HAVE AVOIDED ANY EFFORT TO SET DATE FOR OPENING OF CCD IN GENEVA THIS SPRING, IN BELIEF THAT WE WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY TO ESTABLISH A LATER DATE THAN NORMAL (IF WE WISH TO DO THIS) BY PURSUING THE QUESTION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. QUITE A FEW CCD DELS HAVE ASKED US WHAT DATE WE HAVE IN MIND FOR OPENING OF THE SPRING SESSION, THEIR ASSUMPTION BEING THAT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS THERE WOULD BE TWO CCD SESSIONS NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT THIS IS A MORE COMPLICATED MATTER THIS YEAR THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, SINCE WE WILL NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO HOLD SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, SINCE A NUMBER OF DELS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, AND SINCE THIS YEAR IT
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MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO START SOMEWHAT LATER THAN NORMAL

SO AS TO ALLOW MORE TIME IN CAPITALS FOR SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS. THIS RESPONSE HAS SAT REASONABLY WELL WITH THOSE WE HAVE GIVEN IT TO.

2. AMB. ROSHCIN (USSR), IN PARTICULAR, HAS SHARED OPINION OF AMB. MARTIN (US) THAT CCD SCHEDULE SHOULD BE SET THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THAT WE SHOULD CONTEMPLATE STARTING CCD WORK SOMEWHAT LATER IN THE YEAR THAN NORMAL. SUBSEQUENTLY, SOV DELOFFS SAID TO US DELOFF THAT THEY BELIEVED REASONABLE APPROACH MIGHT BE TO START IN MARCH (CCD HAS USUALLY STARTED IN FEBRUARY.) US DELOFF RESPONDED THAT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO CONSIDER A SIGNIFICANTLY LATER DATE. SOV DELOFFS WERE NON-COMMITTAL AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD REQUIRE MORE DISCUSSION LATER. ECKERBERG (SWEDEN) SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO ALONG WITH A SIGNIFICANTLY LATER DATE THAN NORMAL FOR OPENING OF CCD WORK. AMB. HAINWORTH (UK), HOWEVER, HAS TAKEN WITH US AND OTHERS A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL APPROACH ON SCHEDULING AND WE HAVE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS NOT TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO INDICATE TO HIM AT THIS TIME THAT WE MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT CCD START SIGNIFICANTLY LATER IN YEAR THAN IT HAS PREVIOUSLY.

3. COMMENT: QUESTION WILL REQUIRE RATHER TACTFUL HANDLING IF WE WISH TO HAVE CCD START SIGNIFICANTLY LATER NEXT YEAR, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT UNGA RESES IN THE TWO PRINCIPAL MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT AREAS, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS, CALL FOR HIGH PRIORITY NEGOTIATIONS BY CCD. END COMMENT.
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